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4 **BEFORE THE INSURANCE COMMISSIONER**
5 **OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON**
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7 In the Matter of the Application
8 regarding the Conversion and
9 Acquisition of Control of Premera Blue
10 Cross and its Affiliates

Docket No. G02-45

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12 **NINETEENTH ORDER: NOTICE**
13 **REGARDING APPEALS OF SPECIAL**
14 **MASTER'S ORDER ON OBJECTIONS**
15 **OR PRODUCTION OF REPORTS**
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17 On November 17, 2003, the Special Master issued his Order on Objections to Premera's
18 "AEO" and "Confidential" Designations. If Premera wishes to appeal to me any portion of the
19 Special Master's Order, it must file its objections to that Order by close of business on
20 Wednesday, November 19, 2003. Any opposing party must file their response to those
21 objections by close of business on Thursday, November 20, 2003. To the extent that OIC Staff
22 and Interveners object to redactions in the Special Master's Order, they may file their
23 objections by close of business November 19, 2003, and any party wishing to reply to those
24 objections may do so by close of business November 20, 2003.¹
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¹ As noted in the Special Master's Order, the Holding Company Act (RCW 48.31C.020 through 48.31C.050 and 48.31C.070) also provides me with authority to publish such information related to this conversion proceeding as I reasonably deem appropriate if I determine after notice and hearing later in this proceeding that the interests of policyholders, subscribers, members, shareholders, or the public will be served by the publication. Therefore, rulings sustaining Premera's proposed redactions are without prejudice to later disclosure of the redacted material if 1) I determine under RCW 48.31C.130 that such disclosure is appropriate; 2) such material or related material is demonstrated to have been made public (see Paragraph 6(b), Protective Order); or 3) for other good cause shown.

1 My Seventh Order appointing the Special Master provided five days for appeal to me of
2 the Special Master's ruling on discovery disputes, and five days for filing oppositions to the
3 appeal. However, that Order was made prior to the Superior Court's setting of March 15, 2003
4 as the final date for my decision in this case. Because of the time constraints created by the
5 March 15 date, it is necessary to shorten the time for filing appeals to me of the Special
6 Master's Order on Objections to Premera's "AEO" and "Confidential" Designations, issued
7 November 17, 2003. Additionally, the reports must be made available in sufficient time for
8 review by the public prior to the public hearings which are to commence on December 2.
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10 Premera shall file by close of business November 20, 2003, one electronic version and
11 3 hard copies of the OIC Staff's expert reports redacted in accordance with the Special Master's
12 Order. The filed reports will be further redacted to the extent that any objections to the Special
13 Master's Order are sustained.
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15 **IT IS SO ORDERED** this 18th day of November, 2003.
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17 Mike Kreidler
18 Insurance Commissioner
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